GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO U.S. COOPERATION FOR PREVENTING CBT
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether there is any proposal to have bilateral cooperation with the U.S. in the matter of sharing intelligence and technology information with a view to effectively monitor and prevent the cross border terrorism being sponsored by Pakistan against India;

(b) if so, whether this matter was discussed with the U.S. Deputy Secretary of State during his visit to India in June, 2002; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The India-U.S. Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism, established in January 2000, focuses, inter alia, on strengthening intelligence sharing and cooperation on technology tools for combating terrorism. In this context, Government is examining the U.S. offer of sensor-based technologies for enhancing the overall capabilities to check cross-border infiltration. At its fifth meeting held in Washington D.C. on 11-12 July 2002, the two sides agreed to increase cooperation in counter-terrorism related technologies and equipment.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.